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PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

Andrew McEwen FNZIF
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Call for nominations for NZIF Fellows

This Newsletter includes a call for nominations for NZIF Fellows. Being elected an NZIF Fellow is recognition by one's peers that a member has achieved eminence in their profession. It is not something easily gained and carries the responsibility of upholding professional standards and ethics. I ask that you give careful consideration to nominating those members who have reached these standards. Nominations close on **Friday 11 February 2011**.

Nominations called for NZIF 2012 Forester of the Year

Nominations have been called for the NZIF Forester of the Year Award. This is one of the highest accolades the Institute can bestow. It recognises an NZIF Member who has made an outstanding contribution to either the forestry profession or the forestry sector. The award recognises leadership, excellence and personal integrity, particularly where this demonstrates the character and strength of the forestry profession. Nominations close on **Friday 4 May 2012**. More details under NZIF Business.

Kirk Horn Award

The Kirk Horn Award is only made every two years. It recognises outstanding contributions in the field of forestry in NZ with those eligible being Members currently working in, or who have worked in, forestry in NZ.

Nominations are not called for this award, but if you would like to suggest a possible recipient email president@nzif.org.nz or the convener of the Fellows' Committee ([Convener](#)).

NZIF Foundation Awards for 2012

The NZIF Foundation has called for applications for the Chavasse Travel Award and for three Student Scholarships (Polytechnic student, University Undergraduate student and Postgraduate student). Details in the new Newsletter section on the Foundation ([click here](#)). Please make sure that you tell interested parties about the awards (particularly the student scholarships).

Have you voted yet?

I am disappointed to learn that less than 40 NZIF members have this week exercised their right as members to vote for the next Council and to fill two vacancies on the Registration Board. This brings the total to about 26% of eligible voters – but it also means that around 74% (or nearly 550 members) still have to do so.

The feedback we are getting suggests there are few problems with the electronic voting – it is quick and easy and something you can get out of the way at a time that suits you most. So why not do it as you read this? Go back to the reminder you were emailed yesterday, have a look at the candidates who are standing and make your choice, then click on the link to the voting page. After that you can smugly ignore all the reminders that are still going to come your way in the remaining two weeks that the polls are open.

Remember:

- When you click on the link to the voting page in the voting instructions that have been sent to you, you will need to enter your website user name (your email address) and password. If you can't remember your password, or have never logged in to the website, you might want to email admin@nzif.org.nz and ask for it to be reset so you can vote – and don't worry about being the only one, plenty of others have already asked;
- If you don't want to vote electronically, then please contact Jay (admin@nzif.org.nz, ph (04) 974 8421) and ask for a paper voting form to be sent to you;
- If you have lost/didn't receive the voting instructions, also contact Jay and ask her to resend them.

If you have not yet voted – please do so and please do it early in case you have any problems.

VOTING CLOSSES IN TWO WEEKS AT 5:00 PM ON FRIDAY 30 MARCH

Time to pay NZIF membership subscriptions

Invoices for the NZIF financial year beginning on 1 April 2012 have been emailed or posted to members this

week. They are due for payment no later than 30 April, so please get on to it right away (and it was pleasing to see the first payment made through the website only a few minutes after the invoices were despatched).

Associated with paying your subscription:

- Registered Members need to complete and submit their CPD record for last year and their reaffirmation of intention to abide by the NZIF Code of Ethics. This must be done by 30 April in order to maintain your registered status;
- This is a good time to check your membership class:
 - If you are a Graduate or Associate Member, is it time to move on to Member or Registered Member;
 - Student members need to confirm their student status for 2012 or move on to Graduate Member;
 - Members on hold in 2011/12 need to resume membership or request an extension of their on hold status.
 - If you are retired having trouble finding the funds to pay your subs, you might want to consider applying to transfer to the Retired Member class.
- You can pay your fees online through the membership database. So this is a good time to update your contact and other details (and also to vote if you haven't already done so).

FEES AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS DUE BY 30 APRIL 2012

Conference

You should have all received the latest newsletter for the NZIF AGM and Conference (Christchurch 1-4 July). It has pictures of the timber frames of the new Student Union building at Canterbury University, rising out of the wreck of its steel and concreteframed predecessor. The conference field trip will have other opportunities to view the use of wood in the rebuild. Registrations for the conference continue to increase as do bookings for accommodation. So don't delay – get on and register.

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MEMBER'S FORUM

(Please keep Guest Comment and Member's Forum contributions to around 300 words. Send contributions as an email attachment (Word document) to newsletter@nzif.org.nz.)

Old trees in the Wairarapa

Neill Cooper, Retired Member, Wellington

People in forestry these days are very busy with their computers, statistics, growth models, carbon, log prices, economics and silviculture (see the Elliot/Sutton letters in recent Journals of Forestry). However there is a niche for OLD foresters. That is the study of OLD trees. Such a niche is Greytown in the Wairarapa. In 1854, pioneer farm settlers brought acorns with them from the UK. They are now 150-year-old oak trees. The 1886, *Euc. regnans* in the St. Lukes Church grounds also has an interesting story to tell. In 1890, the first Arbor Day in NZ was held in Greytown. This event also generated further planting for the next decade and had international connections with Nebraska, USA.

After the First World War an avenue of lime trees was planted in the Greytown Soldiers Memorial Park to remember those who fell in the war. Again this encouraged more planting, and a little later the good citizens of Greytown raised money to save the last remnant of O'Connors Bush.

Over these times two important groups of volunteers arose to plant trees, save trees from destruction and organise more Arbor Days. There was also some research into these old trees, notably by Bob Burstall of the famous Forest Research Institute, Rotorua. Two of Bob's plaques can still be seen on oak trees in West St. dated 1964. In 1988, the trees were protected for the first time under the Greytown Borough District Plan.

A website has been designed in an attempt to bring all the material together in one place, but also includes a garnishing of botanic and photo images.

The objective is to try and bring these wonderful trees to a wider public in the hope that they will be better protected from developers and wanton felling. Hopefully busy foresters may have a spare minute to look at a little history?? The website is www.treesofgreytown.co.nz.

Fenton's acolytes

Clive Anstey, MNZIF, Wellington

In the February 2012 issue of the *NZ Journal of Forestry* Wink Sutton, "one of Fenton's Acolytes" responds to David Elliot's comments in his letter to the journal of August 2011. David's claim was that Fenton and his acolytes were wrong in the advice they provided on radiata pine silviculture during the 1970's and we would have done better to go for quantity rather than quality. Wink is almost apologetic in his response, appearing to accept responsibility while finishing with "one day (and this may not be too far off) our confidence in intensive stand management should be restored".

Only foresters would have cause to reflect on history in this way. And without Fenton and his acolytes there would be no history to reflect on. This is because they provided the focus for an informed and very timely debate on plantation forestry and its potential contribution to NZ's economic future. In their promotion of plantation forestry as a legitimate land use silviculture was mere detail within their larger cause.

I have always enjoyed Wink Sutton's passion and total commitment to forestry. I therefore picked up the journal with enthusiasm. His letter bothered me; it was far too defensive and far too narrowly focused. With time we are all inclined to lose track of 'context' so that history gets reduced to a series of isolated events. The events that we recall are often selective, chosen to support a particular perspective. I still find myself reacting angrily when young people sound off about how our indigenous forests were mismanaged by the Forest Service. Any attempt to engage them in the politics of 'residual stumpage' leaves them glassy eyed and cold.

As I read Wink's letter I wondered how many practising foresters would have any inkling of just how important the 'acolytes' were in the broader context of the land use debates of the 60's and 70's? Neither David nor Wink set the debate in the context of regional development and the contribution forest development could contribute. We foresters were all caught up in plans for wood processing facilities of unimaginable scale and efficiency, with the promise of 'added value' which, as David says, "my generation held on to with such evangelical zeal". Log exports were seen as an interim expediency until the volumes of available material built to levels sufficient to sustain local industries.

Perhaps what really bothered me was the thought that the letters could be interpreted to suggest that the acolytes were over-zealous idealists imposing their will on the rest of us. This could not be further from the truth. The debates of the late 60's and early 70's were absolutely inclusive and accessible, and I recall a huge range of individuals from both the public and private sectors of the forest industry, as well as many notable farm foresters, being engaged. Many foresters around the country, myself included, established trials to explore a range of pruning and thinning options.

We were regularly visited by Fenton or one of his team and went walk-about, always inspired by vigorous debate. As a forester in Otago I, like those in other regions, looked at a wide range of properties for possible acquisition and (manually) calculated IRR's. Nobody was bound by the regimes advocated by Fenton's crew. What was however demanded of us was the requirement to address critical questions and apply rigorous, and transparent,

analyses. It was a wonderful time for a very junior, and idealistic, forester trying to make sense of the practical world of forestry, and I have always felt a huge sense of gratitude for the experience I gained during that time.

If there were to be any criticism of Fenton and Sutton it would be that they were too passionate, too persuasive and too successful. While ensuring a respectable place for forestry in the eyes of economists, even those in Treasury, they were unwittingly limiting the context of responsibility for foresters. This is not a criticism. In comparing the economics of various land uses it was essential that like be compared with like so that differences were ironed out or ignored. Because environmental services vary across land uses, and from place to place, they were never accounted for. In the early 70's this probably didn't matter because we foresters were still planning within the contexts of local communities and landscapes; environmental services were accepted as fundamental to the activity of forestry and not all areas were devoted exclusively to timber production. The protection of soil and water values was always the first objective of management. Subsequently, however, the contexts of economic accountability and environmental services became separated. Forest managers are now accountable to shareholders in one context and the environments in which they operate in another. Shareholders demand certain financial returns and the Resource Management Act demands the management of environmental effects. (FSC certification makes similar demands.) The communities of interest rarely, if ever, live in the same place.

The irony for me in the quest for quality wood is that so much lower quality material is generated and left on the ground for lack of markets. Rigid rotation lengths result in large clear cuts and considerable areas become vulnerable between felling and the establishment of the new crop. Cutting rights arrangements appear to have forest managers locked into existing species and patterns. As a result, forestry as a land use activity continues to attract the same criticisms it has long been subject to. Forestry is not seen as contributing to the sustainability of land use generally, and valued for what it contributes to environmental services, but rather continues to be seen as responding to a narrow range of exclusive interests. This is because many of the leading advocates for plantation forestry appear to see demands for environmental services as a constraint rather than an opportunity.

There are of course exceptions, in both corporate and farm forestry. These exceptions are where the future lies, where the contexts of economics and environmental services are integrated. Environmental services are never free, a truth that many 'conservationists' are only now beginning to come to terms with. The need for 'balanced use' has never been more urgent. Foresters have always been engaged in the business of reconciling conflicting needs to sustain critical resources and opportunities. This happens where the trees grow and the rain falls, where the future is always beginning. And the challenge never changes; anticipating residual stumpages and residual effects. On both counts quality is everything.

Australian illegal logging legislation

Grant Rosoman, MNZIF, Canterbury

It is disappointing that the Wood Processors Association, MAF and others have chosen to attack the Australian Illegal Logging Prohibition Bill, including the unbalanced piece in the last Newsletter. It was only in 2008 that WPA, NZFOA and many others signed onto a joint statement on eliminating illegal logging, primarily with the aim that it would benefit NZ forestry that is generally operating legally and would gain market advantage. Additionally it would help alleviate the estimated 17% price global wood price suppression due to illegal wood. In that statement it is explicit that NZ plantation managers should be prepared to "Ensure they have evidence that they meet NZ legislative requirements". Most NZ plantations are FSC certified that has verification of meeting legality. There are a lot of details to work out with the regulation that follows the Bill but current attempts by members of the NZ forestry sector and dinosaur importers in Australia to knock the Bill back are extremely misguided. As expected, the governments of PNG and Indonesia are lobbying against the Bill as they will have difficulty verifying legality. I encourage the NZ forestry sector to get behind the Bill both out of self-interest but also in the interests of doing something decent to halt the highly destructive illegal timber trade and the disastrous impacts it has on communities, biodiversity and our climate.

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2012 NZIF AGM and conference

Theme: Engineering Value – Growing and Harvesting Forests for Novel Wood Structures

Date: **Sunday 1 July to Wednesday 4 July 2012**

Associated events:

Two CPD workshops and the NZIF AGM on Sunday 1 July
NZIF Awards Dinner on Monday 2 July
Field trip on Wednesday 4 July

Venue: University of Canterbury, Ilam Campus, Christchurch

Website: www.nzifconference.co.nz

NEW SPONSORS THIS WEEK

This week we welcome, with considerable thanks, the elevation of Blakely Pacific from Gold to Platinum Sponsor. This is a great contribution from a company that is already putting a lot of effort into the conference organising committee – thank you Phil Taylor and the others involved.

We also welcome the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (soon to be the Ministry for Primary Industries) as a Gold Sponsor – thank you MAF.

In other changes this week:

- NZ Forest Managers is a new bronze sponsor;
- Indufor is a conference session sponsor;
- Asset Forestry Logistics is sponsor of the student poster competition.

Thank you to all sponsors for your support of our conference and of the NZIF.

Further sponsorship opportunities still exist. Just look at the exposure you are getting each week from now to the conference in this newsletter, which is going to around 1,000 forestry professionals in NZ and the wider Pacific (plus a few even further afield).

If you are interested in being a sponsor then get more details from the conference website or contact James Treadwell at secretary@nzif.org.nz.

Conference registrations rising

Registrations for the conference continue to arrive. If you haven't already done so, have a look at the programme on the Conference website, www.nzifconference.co.nz. Then continue to the registration page (link on the right-hand side of the home page) and make the commitment to support NZIF and Christchurch.

Accommodation close to the conference is filling up. You need to book early to secure a place to sleep.

Conference newsletter

Did you receive a conference newsletter? Great pictures of the new Student Union building going up at the university – lovely timber framing to replace the shattered steel and concrete. Also a profile of international guest speaker Prof Dale Greene. Contact admin@nzif.org.nz if you didn't get the newsletter.

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NZIF BUSINESS

Nominations for NZIF Fellows

To be made a Fellow of the NZIF is the highest honour that the Institute can bestow on a member. It is recognition of eminence in the profession of forestry by the member's peers. Accordingly it is not lightly bestowed and the number of Fellows at any one time is likely to be relatively small.

There are currently 44 Fellows of the NZIF. A list can be found on the website [here](#).

Potential candidates for Fellow:

- Must be a Registered or Full Member at the time of nomination and must have been such a Member for at least five years prior to the nomination;
- Must have had at least 15 years' experience in some branch of forestry (which can include practice, administration, teaching or research) – at least five years of that experience must have been in NZ;
- Must be nominated by two Members who must themselves be Honorary, Registered or Full Members of the NZIF.

Nominations are submitted to the NZIF Council. The nominations will be considered by the Council with the assistance of the Fellows' Committee and will determine which, if any, nominations will be placed before the NZIF AGM. Recognition of a Fellow requires a majority vote in favour of the candidate from the Honorary, Registered and Full Members present at the AGM.

The Council is now calling for nominations for consideration for recognition as Fellows of the NZIF at the 2012 AGM to be held in Christchurch on Sunday 1 July 2012. Nominations must include:

- The name and contact details of the nominee;
- The names and contact details of the two nominators;
- A statement from the nominators setting out the reasons why the nominee is worthy of recognition as a Fellow of the NZIFA curriculum vitae of the nominee;

- The nominee's consent to the nomination;
- References from two current or former employees or colleagues of some standing, which manifest the nominee's allegiance to the Institute's Code of Ethics.

Please take the time to consider those NZIF members who you believe are suitable to be recognised as Fellows and then take steps to nominate them. A nomination form is available on the NZIF website ([here](#)).

Please direct any queries about nominations for Fellows to the NZIF Secretary, James Treadwell (secretary@nzif.org.nz). Nominations must be submitted in writing to the NZIF Secretary, PO Box 10-513, The Terrace, Wellington 6143, or email to admin@nzif.org.nz no later than 5:00 pm on **Friday 4 May 2012**.

Call for nominations for NZIF 2012 Forester of the Year

The NZIF Forester of the Year Award is one of the highest accolades the Institute can bestow. It recognises an NZIF Member who has made an outstanding contribution to either the forestry profession, or the forestry sector. The award recognises leadership, excellence and personal integrity, particularly where this demonstrates the character and strength of the forestry profession.

The awardee receives a certificate and the Forester of the Year carving, which they hold for one year.

The award will be announced during the NZIF Awards Dinner at the NZIF Conference in Christchurch on Monday 2 July 2012.

Criteria:

- Open to any nominated NZIF Member who has achieved at least Member status;
- Consideration will be given to the nominee's:
 - o contribution to NZ's economic, social and environmental development, the use of innovation and new technologies, or the creation of a new product or business of significance to forestry;
 - o professional and academic achievements, broad community involvement, cultural and other achievements;
 - o contribution to NZIF;
- Desirable attributes of the nominees for this award include:
 - o Publicising or promoting the interests of the profession and forestry sector;
 - o Upholding the Institute's code of ethics and contribution to the profession's expertise and experience;
 - o Disseminating technical information within the profession;
 - o Encouraging young people to enter the profession and actively participate in Institute affairs.

Conditions of nomination

- Nominations must be on the NZIF Forester of the Year nomination form
- Nominees must be at least (full) Members of NZIF.
- The judges have the discretion not to bestow the award should the required standard not be reached or criteria not adequately met.
- The judges' decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
- Nominations for must be received by **5:00 pm on Friday 4 May 2012**.

Nomination forms available on the NZIF website [here](#).

Council and Registration Board elections

All NZIF Members eligible to vote for the Council and the vacancies on the Registration Board should have received voting instructions. If you didn't please contact the Administrator (admin@nzif.org.nz, phone (04) 974 8421) to have a fresh copy sent to you. Voting closes at **5:00 pm on Friday 30 March 2012**.

Invoices and confirmation of membership status

Invoices for the NZIF financial year beginning 1 March 2012 have been emailed or posted to members. Registered Members have received details of the additional information they need to supply in order to maintain their registration. Student Members and Members on hold have been asked to confirm their status for the 2012/13 year.

Please attend to these matters by the due date of **30 April 2012**.

If you haven't received anything, or you have any questions, please contact the Administrator (email admin@nzif.org.nz, ph (04) 974 8421)

Latest Journal now online

The latest *Journal of Forestry* (56-4) is now online – [click here](#).

Registered Member workshops

Several workshops for Registered Members are planned for mid-April 2012. Depending on levels of interest these will be held in Auckland, Rotorua, Wellington and the South Island (venue to be finalised but possibly Dunedin &/or Christchurch) during the weeks commencing 16 and 23 April.

The main purpose of the workshops is to update Registered Members on the Real Estate Agents Act 2008. Members have been made aware of the legal opinion prepared by Simpson Grierson and the workshop will provide further updates on this legislation. It will also provide members with an opportunity to question and discuss the implications of the Act with Simpson Grierson solicitors and explore a range of options for members individually or as a group to manage the inherent risks this legislation has created. For those who have not reviewed the document yet, it is highly recommended that you contact Jay (admin@nzif.org.nz) now to request access to the document.

To provide more efficient use of your day the opportunity will also be taken to present educational sessions on other topics of interest to members and these may include:

1. An update on trends, strategies and the need for managing business risk through the acquisition of business and/or personal professional indemnity insurance (PI Insurance Presenter).
2. Legal implications for members who provide client advice on all aspects of the Emissions Trading scheme (MAF Presenter).
3. Introductory session outlining the objectives of the Financial Planning Act 2008 and implications on members business and strategies for assessing and managing risk to avoid potential complications created by this piece of legislation (Solicitor).

It is also planned to have a 30-45 minute session of discussion with members to solicit thoughts on the NZIF registration scheme, administrative matters relating to the online management of the scheme, and any other issues that may be relevant to members. It is envisaged that an attendance or registration fee will be payable to cover

facility costs and attendance expenses for presenters.

Further details will be released when these are available. In the meantime Registered Members should contact John Schrider john@forme.co.nz, (04) 232 7155 (5) or 027 446 9296 if they have any suggestions for topics they may like to see included. Early indication from members intending to attend these workshops will also assist greatly with location planning.

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NZIF FOUNDATION

Background to Foundation

The NZIF Foundation was established by the NZ Institute of Forestry in December 2011 to advance education in relation to forestry. This can include: encouraging and supporting forestry-related research, education and training through the provision of grants, scholarships and prizes; promoting the acquisition, development and dissemination of forestry-related knowledge and information; and other activities that do not conflict with the charitable purpose.

In the Trust Deed, “forestry” has been given a broad definition – “Forestry includes all those activities involved in the management and use of forests and their products, the objects of which are the production of wood or other forest benefits and the maintenance of the environment in its most beneficial form”. In determining this definition, the NZIF Council wanted to ensure that the Foundation could operate across the full spectrum of forests and forestry in NZ – both production and for other purposes.

The initial Trustees, who are appointed by the NZIF Council, are: Andrew McEwen, President NZIF (Chair), James Treadwell, NZIF (Secretary), and David Evison (NZIF Councillor).

The NZIF Council has agreed to make a donation to the Foundation of \$85,000, which are the funds previously held by NZIF for awards and scholarships. The NZIF Council has also agreed that it will provide administration service for the Foundation, at no cost. For NZIF this is a very significant investment into the future of forests and forestry in NZ, which NZIF hopes will appeal to (and be matched by others).

The Trustees will need to increase the capital of the Foundation if they are to be able to realise the objective of significant support to forestry education in NZ. To assist in fund raising, the Trustees applied to the Charities Commission in December 2011 for registration as a Charitable Trust. If granted, donations by individuals to the Trust Fund will be eligible for tax rebates while donations by companies and other entities are regarded as tax-deductible expenses. The Commission was still processing the application in mid-March 2012.

Once it has achieved charitable status, the Trustees intend to commence seeking donations to the fund.

The NZIF Council requested that the Foundation continue, in 2012, with the three Student Scholarships (Polytechnic Institute, University Undergraduate and Postgraduate) and the Chavasse Travel Award, previously made available by NZIF. NZIF will continue to make the Kirk and Forester of the Year awards which are the highest NZIF awards (neither of which carries a monetary prize).

The Trustees will also be exploring ideas for expanding the range of opportunities for scholarships, awards etc, that it might be able to make when sufficient funds become available. They are interested in receiving suggestions for particular awards or scholarships or other initiatives that you would like to see being offered by the NZIF Foundation.

Enquiries regarding the Foundation can be directed to the NZIF Administrator (admin@nzif.org.nz) or to the Chair of the Trustees (Andrew McEwen, am.mcewen@xtra.co.nz).

Awards being offered in 2012

The NZIF Foundation is offering the following awards in 2012:

- Chavasse Travel Award of up to \$3,500;
- Mary Sutherland Scholarship of \$1,000 – available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related course at a NZ Polytechnic;
- University Undergraduate Scholarship of \$1,000 – available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related degree at a NZ University);
- Frank Hutchinson Postgraduate scholarship of \$1,000 – available to postgraduate students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related postgraduate degree at a NZ University.

Chavasse Travel Award

The NZIF Foundation Chavasse Travel Award is open to any person interested or employed in NZ forestry to enable:

- The applicant to travel overseas in order to increase their and the forestry sector's experience and knowledge; or
- The applicant to assist an overseas person to travel to and within NZ for the purpose of making presentations on forestry topics to NZ audiences.

The award recognises forestry excellence and personal integrity, and aims to reward the clear dissemination and presentation of results.

Student Scholarships

The Student Scholarships are open to all forestry students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related degree or diploma at a NZ tertiary institution. They recognise excellence at the student level and reward innovation and entrepreneurial potential.

Applications for the Chavasse Award and the Student Scholarships are now open. They close at **5:00 pm on Friday 4 May 2012** and it is expected that awards will be presented to successful applicants at the Awards Dinner of the NZIF Conference in Christchurch of Monday 2 July 2012.

Application forms for the award and scholarships can be obtained from admin@nzif.org.nz.

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SUBMISSIONS

Murray Parrish (murray.parrish@chh.com) is Submissions Coordinator. NZIF Members or local sections considering making submissions (even on what appear to be local issues) should advise him of their plans. Council can assist with the cost of making submissions (contact Murray for details).

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LOCAL SECTIONS

Farm Forestry Association – West Coast Branch Field Day and AGM Saturday 17 March 2012

Starting 9:30 am at Greymouth, meet at Gladstone Cemetery turn off on the main road at Gladstone. Signposts in place. Field-day participants will visit several sites with Mike Crow (previously forest manager with Timberlands and with his own sizable planted stands). The AGM will take place at midday approximately at the Paroa Hotel. Lunch will be provided and a bar tab will be in place.

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STUDENT'S SECTION

NZIF Foundation Student Scholarships

The NZIF Foundation is offering three Student Scholarships for 2012:

- Mary Sutherland Scholarship of \$1,000 – available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related course at a NZ Polytechnic;
- University Undergraduate Scholarship of \$1,000 – available to students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related degree at a NZ University);
- Frank Hutchinson Postgraduate scholarship of \$1,000 – available to postgraduate students enrolled for a forestry or forestry-related postgraduate degree at a NZ University.

More information in the section on the NZIF Foundation ([click here](#)). To obtain application forms and for further information contact Jay at admin@nzif.org.nz, phone (04) 974 8421.

Please confirm student status

Student Members will have received an email from the Administrator asking you to confirm your student status for 2012 (or if no longer a student to apply to advance to Graduate Member or Associate Member). It would be great if you could do this as soon as possible, so we don't need to keep hassling you for a response.

Survey request from NZIF student member

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JOB VACANCY WEBSITES

Science jobs	fusionz.rsnz.org/
MAF	careers.haines.co.nz/MAF/Pages/Vacancies.aspx
NZ conservation jobs	www.conjobs.co.nz/index.php
Department of Conservation	www.doc.govt.nz/about-doc/jobs-at-doc/current-vacancies/
Australian Government	jobsearch.gov.au/Login/Login.aspx?WHCode=0
Australia Department of Agriculture Fisheries & Forestry	www.daff.gov.au/about/jobs
FAO projects and professional vacancies	www.fao.org/employment/project-vacancies/en/ www.fao.org/employment/empl-professionalvacancies/en/

New Zealand forester seeking forest job opportunity

I am currently seeking a position with a progressive organisation in the forestry industry. I have the following qualifications and experience:

- Diploma of Forestry Management from Waiariki Institute of Technology
- Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in Accounting and Information Systems) from UC
- Four years' experience working within the forest industry
- Truck driving and heavy machinery experience in the agriculture sector based in NZ and USA.

For the past couple of years I have been working for a forestry consulting business engaged as a Forester. This required undertaking a management role in forest operations, helping advise clients in the ETS, financial analysis and research. I have also worked for a harvest planning company in the past as well as having experience in the data collection field. My experience has both been within the North and South Islands engaged in work for both the large corporate-owned forests as well as woodlot scale for private owners. Contact *Dean Mouat* on 027 418 8238 or deanmouat@yahoo.co.nz if you would like to see a curriculum vitae.

Canadian graduate seeks work

I am a recent graduate from Laval University in Quebec, Canada, with a Master's Degree in Environmental Biogeosciences, I have a strong interest in NZ forestry. I believe I could contribute to your currently available research and development positions. I have just completed a very challenging internship with FPInnovations,

which is a leading Canadian organisation in wood science research. This experience required strong skills such as teamwork, an analytical mind and leadership. As a highly-motivated dynamic and committed person, I hope to find an opportunity to prove myself. My arrival in NZ is scheduled for 11 April 2012. It would be a pleasure to meet you after that date, at your convenience. Sincerely, *Genevieve Gagnon* (gen319@hotmail.com)

German forester seeks work

My name is Cornelia Schulz. I am a young forester from Germany. I am interested in knowing more about forestry in NZ, especially about how forest owners are organised, what problems they have and what experiences you have with nature conservation and certification systems (FSC, PEFC) and if there are conflicts with tourism and the public. It's always been my goal to experience different forests and forestry practices around the world, and explains why I decided to travel to NZ to further my education and forestry skills on a working holiday visa. I would be very grateful for your advice as to how to find employment in the forestry field.

I have a Master of Science in Forestry (Technische Universität Dresden) and four years of management and "hands-on" promotional and representational forestry experience in public relations, environmental education and policy development. From October 2009 to March 2011 I was the Executive Director of the Saxony Community of Forest Owners – the professional private forestry organisation in the eastern part of Germany. Prior to this I spent two years working in both the public and not-for-profit forestry sectors – also in Saxony – in events management, environmental education with school, community and large public groups, and writing press releases and briefing journalists. Kind regards, *Cornelia Schulz* (dm-conny@web.de)

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2012 FITEC NATIONAL TRAINING AWARDS NOMINATIONS OPEN

The search is on for the forest and wood industry's top performers. "The FITEC National Training Awards are an opportunity for companies and individuals around the country to nominate their stars and enhance their profile," says FITEC Chief Executive, Ian Boyd. "Past winners have become role models and gone on to do great things for themselves and the industry." Entries close 31 May 2012. To nominate or enter [click here](#). Winners will be announced at a gala dinner and ceremony in Rotorua on 20 September 2012. For more information email events@fitec.org.nz or contact Jill Causer (09) 356 8275 or 027 5618 270.

FUNDING ROUND OPEN FOR BIODIVERSITY CONDITION AND ADVICE FUNDS

The Biodiversity Funds financially assist private landowners and community groups to improve or maintain the condition of indigenous vegetation, species and habitats on private land. Priority is given to projects with high biodiversity values and those that meet the National Priorities for Protecting Rare and Threatened Native Biodiversity on Private Land. See our [brochure](#). Applications for funding are now open and can be made [here](#). Discussion with the Fund staff can be useful prior to submitting an application. Please read the Biodiversity Funds Guides and Exclusions for funding before submitting your application. There is also helpful information in the online [application guide](#).

Please refer to the website for further information, details on how to apply and a link to the online [application form](#). If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your project please call us on freephone 0800 862 020 or email biofunds@doc.govt.nz. **Closing date:** 3:00 pm on Tuesday 17 April 2012. Notification of the outcome is anticipated in August 2012. Seven unbound paper copies of all supporting information (and the signed

declaration) need to be in our office by 5:00 pm on Friday 20 April 2012.

UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY FORESTRY SOCIETY SEEKS SPONSORS

The University of Canterbury Forestry Society (FORSOC) is interested in attracting industry sponsors for 2012. This year is shaping up to be a fantastic year for FORSOC and Canterbury University as we look to move forward from 2011. Membership for this year is already just shy of 250 members with more to come. This year FORSOC is looking to run a number of events, with some new ones alongside the famous 4 BBQs and the Steamboat Ball. Any sponsorship received this year will be put towards the cost of the members' singlets, running the Forestry quiz night for School of Forestry students and faculty, the Meet the Industry night and also a potential free firewood weekend for the people of Christchurch. All sponsors will have the option for their name and logo displayed on the singlets and also the opportunity for the naming rights to any of our events. For further information please contact our President, Blake Jones, at bwj25@uclive.ac.nz or on 027 253 2537.

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CALENDAR

The events in this calendar have come from a range of sources and no responsibility can be taken for errors. Contact the organisers to check times, locations, costs etc. New events are marked in moss green.

March 2012

Fri 16 – Sun 18 Mar	Rural Disputes Seminar, www.aminz.org.nz/Event?Action=View&Event_id=337
Fri 23 Mar	Nominations close for 2012 Green Ribbon Awards
Wed 7 – Wed 28	2012 Leonard Cockayne Memorial Lecture Tour - details
Wed 21	ForestWood 2012 Conference, Wellington, www.forestwood.org.nz
Fri 30	Council and Registration Board elections close
Sat 31	Charles Fleming Fund Call for Applications close

April 2012

Tue 17	Closing date for Biodiversity Condition and Advice Funds, www.biodiversity.govt.nz/biofunds
Fri 27	Conducting Safe Investigations Seminar , Christchurch
Mon 30	CFA Young Forester Award 2012 applications close, www.cfa-international.org

May 2012

Tue 1 [Conducting Safe Investigations Seminar](#), Auckland

Fri 4 Nominations close for NZIF Fellows
Nominations close for NZIF 2012 Forester of the Year
Nominations close for Chavasse Award
Nominations close for Student Scholarships

Thur 31 FITEC National Training Awards nominations close, www.fitec.org.nz/awards

July 2012

Sun 1 NZIF AGM, Christchurch

Sun 1 – Wed 4 NZIF Conference, Christchurch, www.nzifconference.co.nz

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